Efforts are a foot to provide telephone connections by April 2000 to aforesaid three registrants.

Nalanda Exchange

2003. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that connectivity to Nalanda exchange remains disrupted quite often;

(b) whether Government are also aware that disruption continues for weeks together owing to the carelessness of the officers concerned;

(c) if so, the details of the period for which the connectivity remained disrupted during the last two months;

(d) the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action Government propose to take to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) There was no disruption of connectivity during the last two months.

(d) and (e) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

However reliable media has already been provided for further improvement of services.

Clearance of waiting list in Arunachal Pradesh

2004. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephones working properly in the State of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) what is the number of persons who are in the waiting list in the State as on 31.1.2000, district-wise;

(c) by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, At present, all the 27212 telephones are working properly in the State of Arunachal Pradesh.